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What Should be Done?

Prof. Paul Langhammer, U. S. commissioner for New Mexico, to the New Orleans World's Exposition, favored us with a call this week, and the limited acquaintance thus made, has convinced us that he is the right man in the right place, and that he is in every way eminently qualified for the high position of honor which he now fills, and is entitled to the full confidence and respect which has been reposed in him by his appointment. He is a man of untiring energy, and is zealous in the good work of having New Mexico fully represented as it should be at the great exposition. While it is true that it will cost the people something to be properly represented, yet they cannot afford to lose so great an opportunity, and let it pass without an effort. Let the stock men, miners, agriculturists and the business men generally, and all those who have the best interests of the Territory at heart unite and work shoulder to shoulder in aiding our worthy commissioner, in getting up a representation of our industries and various resources that New Mexico may be proud of.

The people of the Territory should disregard the jealous envious of envious sort, and let them howl on unheeded in their agony and disappointment until "dooms day." Let the great mass of the people who have interests at stake, and desire their Territory to take an advanced stand alongside of the other States and Territories now struggling to take the lead in the great work, wholly ignore the snarls of discontent which emanate from vicious political tricksters, or subsidized newspapers, and render all needed assistance to the commissioner in the great undertaking. Nothing can succeed without an effort, and in a matter of such vital importance, one and all should come to the fore and assist the proper authorities in making an exhibit that we need not be ashamed of, and the millions assembled from all parts of the world. The natural resources of New Mexico if properly represented will place her in the front rank as regards many of the most important products, and it would be a suicide policy for us to neglect to attract millions of capital to our midst, when it now lies within our power to do so. The cranky legislature neglected to heed the demand of the people, and appropriate a reasonable amount to help defray the expenses of the Territorial exhibit, and it now rests with the county authorities and the people at large to come forward and render the required assistance. Will the county authorities be as recreant to their trust as was the late legislature, or will they give ear to the appeal of the people and supply sufficient means to assist their respective counties in making an exhibit worthy of them? Two or three counties, notably Grant, have already made ample provision, and the others should immediately do likewise, as the time for delay has passed. We believe that the commissioners of Socorro county, who have proved themselves enterprising and faithful officers, ever alive to the best interests of their constituency, will not be outdone by any county in the Territory and will make an appropriation ample to meet all requirements. Socorro, which has taken the lead in all exhibitions wherever represented, and whose displays have been the pride not only of the citizens of the county, but of the entire Territory will be looked to by her sister counties, to again take the lead by making an exhibit such as she is capable of, one that will be an honor to the Territory, and that will prove to the world that we are in the midst of the richest mineral country on this continent, and at the same time demonstrate that her agricultural and stock raising capabilities are on a par with those of any part of the world. Such an exhibit we can make, and as it is expected of us, let us take hold of the matter, let the authorities and people work in unison and with a vim, and our people will be benefited a hundred fold for the time and expense incurred.

We are for Blaine for the first place, and Lincoln for the second, if possible. If not, then we are for Lincoln for the first place, first last and all the time.

Jerry Howkrade has been suggested as one of the probable candidates for the office of sheriff of Lincoln county. He is eminently qualified for the position, and no better man ever lived since the days of Adam than Jerry, and if nominated he would be elected by an overwhelming majority.

A "bar" being one of the most essential elements in a Democratic campaign, it looks now as though old uncle Sammy Tilden is to be led to the slaughter more. The Democratic leaders are also dealing out "taffy" to Bill English. *Mucho dinero* is generally considered one of the most available qualifications for office in that party.

Prof. Longmire is very busy getting out the June number of the Bulletin, which will be out on time as usual. The Bulletin is strictly a legitimate mining journal, and is the best publication of the kind in the West. It has been one of the principal elements in the advancement and progress of mining in Socorro county, and deserves the unanimous support of the people.

Col. F. A. Blake, Alternate Commissioner to the World's Exhibition, has recently received a private letter from General Director, Burk, of the Exposition, together with a package of documents setting forth the aims and objects of the Exposition, which will be widely distributed. He will render the Commissioner, Prof. Longmire, all the assistance in his power, and aid in every legitimate way to make New Mexico's Exhibition a success.

The Honorable W. G. Ritch has held the office of Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico for twelve years, during which time he officiated in the capacity of acting Governor twenty-six months. His present term of office expires with the month of June next. He has been a faithful officer, and whether he retires or should be his own successor, so far he has filled the office honorably with credit to himself and the people, and will retire without a blemish upon his official character.

On last Monday morning, W. T. McCraith, who has been the local as well as the life and light of the Sun for some time, was informed by the editor of that paper that economy required a decrease in the editorial force, and that somebody must go. "Mac" was about all there was left of the concern to keep up its internal fires, so that it might continue to shine for the benefit of the public. Mr. McCraith distinguished himself in the journalistic profession, and made many friends for the paper as well as for himself while connected therewith, and we hear many expressions of regret that he was compelled to sever his connection with the paper. He left for the North yesterday morning, leaving many friends behind, and the best wishes of THE CHIEFTAIN will follow him wherever he may roam.

In looking over the territorial maps we got the impression somehow that Albuquerque was located on the Rio Grande, but more recently we have been reading the papers published at that place, and find that we were mistaken in our ideas of the geographical situation, and find that said village (judging from the papers,) is located on a high plain somewhere on the *Jornado del Muerto* "far from land or water," and that the Rio Grande must be at least 100 miles "each way" from that place this summer. And further, that some of the oldest inhabitants predict a dry time there for the last few weeks, and citizens are now preparing a reservoir, hoping to "accop" in a few drops of water during the rainy season for the benefit of the traveling public who are obliged to lay over there when it is wet at Socorro which is on the Rio Grande.

"To be or not to be" (bill,) is the query which remains unsettled as to the capital appropriation by the late lamented legislature. Nearly all the newspapers of the Territory have been more or less affected with convulsions over this subject, and have howled themselves hoarse in their protest against this measure, but what will be the ultimate result is yet to be seen. Fortunately or unfortunately we were not in the journalistic field when the battle raged so fiercely, and had we been we don't think we should have been "busted" many columns on the subject. Why! simply while we recognize the fact that there was no absolute necessity for it, still we cannot see wherein the people will lose much or anything by it in the long run. When the great commonwealth of New Mexico becomes a sovereign state she will

require a half-million capital building, and the people will want it built at Socorro. Besides many other public buildings the state will need a \$300,000 insane asylum located in the most secluded spot in the State, and that place will probably be at Santa Fe above the proposed capitol building can then be utilized and its inmates can be farmed out to Tom Catron as henchmen with perfect safety. "Time regulates all things," but it will probably never recognize the action of Judge McComas or the *non est non compas* Statemen from Socorro.

The Law Revisers.

While the editor of this paper has always been, and is still friendly to the Governor, and while we know that his excellency has rendered much valuable service to the people of the Territory, yet we think he is susceptible of some errors, and one of his greatest official mistakes was in making his selection and appointment of the commission to revise and compile the laws of the Territory. Not that we have any personal objections to the gentlemen who were favored, but we think the Governor could have selected many members of the bar more eminently qualified for the work, which is of so much importance that it requires the skill and legal learning of the ablest jurist of the country. We do not think that he made a mistake in "leaving Prince off and putting Green on" as some of our contemporaries claim, but he made a mistake by not leaving them both off. While Prince's revision was better than none, yet there is not a respectable lawyer in the Territory but what will say that it was a cheap John booth, and an abortion of the worst character. Mr. Green is no doubt a nice gentleman, a whale in politics in his precinct, and is probably capable of getting up a circus poster in as good shape as any man in the country, yet all these qualifications do not eminently fit him for a position on the compiling board. The other gentlemen on the board we are not acquainted with either personally or by reputation, except that we have been informed by those who do know them that they are not very high luminaries in the professional horizon. There are many eminent lawyers in the Territory to select from for such an important position who are able to do the work as it should be done.

For instance, the Honorable T. B. Catron, while he may have some personal political enemies, nevertheless he is a man preeminently qualified for such work. He stands at the head of the bar in the Territory, and is able to criticize as well as establish precedent in law. And no less prominent among the list of able lawyers are the names of Fountain, Childers, Brecken, Rynerson, Hewitt, Whitlaw, or Judge Hagan of our own city, and many others whom we might mention, who are far superior in the profession to those appointed. While we admire a man who will stand by his friends, yet our admiration ceases when he consents to sacrifice the best interest of the people to accommodate a friend politically or otherwise. In this matter nothing but ability, character and the best interest of the public at large should have been considered.

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Socorro, besides being very dull, does not occupy an enviable situation as far as the superfluous amount of water is concerned.—Democrat.

How natural it is for people who are drowning to try to pull in others after them! The above envious little squib is clipped from a paper published in a town so dead and buried so deep that all the high waters of the Rio Grande can never wash it to the surface again. The city of Socorro in high and dry and is the liveliest place in the Territory. No part of it was overlooked except a low place beyond the depot where a ditch was cut to run its waters from Albuquerque.

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Just received from the well-known breeding firm of Joel B. Gentry & Co., near Sedalia, Mo., one car load of three-fourths Durham Milch cows; one car of thorough-bred and high-grade Bulls; and one car of high-grade Heifers in calf to imported Polled Angus and Galloway Bulls. For sale at reasonable prices.
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Wonderful Geological Change.

Ten years ago yesterday the Rio Grande was running through where the principal part of the city is now located. To-day, while most of the other towns in New Mexico have more waters than can be utilized, Albuquerque is entirely exempt therefrom.—Democrat.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., May 27th, 1884.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Las Cruces, N. M., on July 6th, 1884, viz:
J. LEWIS B. FISHER on declaratory statement No. 1477 for lots 7 and sec 4 and lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, sec 9, tow 10 n. r. 2 e. w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: Geo. H. Purmort, John J. Dailish, Julius M. Estes and J. O. Estes, all of Socorro Co., N. M. 4-8
JOHN R. MCFIE, Register.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,
Las Cruces, N. M., May 27th, 1884.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their respective claims before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., on July 12th, 1884, viz:
JOSEPH T. BLUNT, on declaratory statement, No. 1495, for the e. 1/4, s. 1/4, w. 1/4, sec 1, tow 10 n. r. 2 e. w. Witnesses: F. W. Vaughn, Charles Roberts, T. N. Steel and James Vassar, all of Socorro Co., N. M. 4-8
JOHN R. MCFIE, Register.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,
Las Cruces, N. M., May 26th, 1884.
Complaint having been entered at this office by John F. Hough against William Trocker, who made fraudulent entry No. 192, dated June 16th, 1883, for the e. 1/4, s. 1/4, w. 1/4, sec 20, tow 10 n. r. 2 e. w. with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the contestant alleging that the said William Trocker has never been a citizen of the United States; that his declaration was made for the sole and only purpose of enabling him to file upon and hold public land of the U. S.; that he, the said Trocker, now is, and always has been, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, and an officer in the army of said Queen; and that he now draws a pension from said Queen. In view to the foregoing allegations you are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 6th day of July, A. D. 1884 at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said allegations.
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UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
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SAMUEL WILSON, on declaratory statement, No. 1329, for the e. 1/4, s. 1/4, sec 15, and s. 1/4, n. e. 1/4, sec 34, tow 10 n. r. 2 e. w. Witnesses: A. M. Loftis, W. D. Carruth, C. B. Martin and Robt J. Bishop, all of Socorro Co., N. M.

A. M. LOFTIS, on declaratory statement, No. 1346, for the e. 1/4, s. 1/4, sec 15, and s. 1/4, n. e. 1/4, sec 12, tow 10 n. r. 2 e. w. Witnesses: Samuel Wilson, A. M. Loftis, W. D. Carruth and Robt J. Bishop, all of Socorro Co., N. M. 3-7
JOHN R. MCFIE, Register.

U. S. MARTIN, on declaratory statement, No. 1349, for the e. 1/4, s. 1/4, sec 21, s. 1/4, s. w. 1/4, sec 22 and e. 1/4, n. e. 1/4, sec 27 tow 10 n. r. 2 e. w. Witnesses: S. Wilson, A. M. Loftis, W. D. Carruth and Robt J. Bishop, all of Socorro Co., N. M. 3-7
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